

## **Assessing payment adequacy: hospice**

**ISSUE:** Are Medicare's payments for hospice services adequate? How should payments be changed in 2011?

**KEY POINTS:** To assess whether Medicare payments for hospice services are adequate, we examine the following factors: beneficiaries' access to care, capacity and supply of providers, volume of services, quality, access to capital, and payments and costs.

**ACTION:** Commissioners will discuss and then vote on the draft recommendation.

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